

Submission of income tax returns in Banks

3161. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to allow income tax payments to be deposited in computerised branches of all Public Sector Banks;
- (b) if so, the details of Banks so authorised;
- (c) whether Government would also extend submission of income tax returns through such authorised banks to ease avoidable crowds in Income Tax offices throughout the country; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 2102 computerised branches of all Nationalised Banks in 133 Cities and Towns have already been authorised to receive direct tax payment w.c.f. 1st August, 2000 in addition to the existing authorised branches of different Public Sector Banks.

(c) and (d) At present no such decision has been taken by the Government to extend submission of Income Tax returns through such authorised Banks to ease avoidable crowds in Income Tax Offices throughout the country. However, it may be considered by the Government in future.

Compassionate appointment in UCO Bank

†3162. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2075 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st December, 1999 and state:

- (a) whether Government have since provided jobs on compassionate grounds to the dependents of those bank

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